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In re application of

Hiroshi SUMIDA et al.

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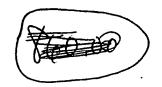
MANGANESE DIOXIDE FOR LITHIUM PRIMARY BATTERY AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



Applicants hereby request that (including the Notice of Appeal fee of \$320.00 and the onemonth extension of time fee of \$110.00), paid on April 4, 2003, in the above-identified application, be credited to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

On April 4, Applicants were not aware that a nonfinal Office Action had issued on April 2, 2003, prior to the filing of the Notice of Appeal and extension. Accordingly, the Notice of Appeal and extension fee were not needed and a refund is appropriate.

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Respectfully/submitted,

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